

# **EXHIBIT 4**

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA                      IN THE GENERAL  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY                      COURT OF JUSTICE  
  
   SUPERIOR COURT  
  
   DIVISION  
  
   FILE NO. 07CVS 4453

CATHY BATTON, Executrix                      \*  
of the Estate of Dewey                      \*  
Batton, Deceased                      \*  
   Plaintiff                      \*  
   vs.                      \*  
CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.                      \*  
   Defendant                      \*

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Deposition of PETER G. SHIELDS, M.D.,  
taken on Friday, September 26, 2008, beginning  
at 9:00 a.m., at Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer  
Center, Georgetown University Medical Center,  
3800 Reservoir Road. N.W., Washington, D.C.,  
before Linda Ann Crockett, a Notary Public.

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Reported by:  
  
Linda A. Crockett

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1 APPEARANCES:

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1 THE PROCEEDINGS

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3 STIPULATIONS

4 It is stipulated and agreed by and between  
5 counsel for the respective parties that the  
6 reading and signing of this deposition by the  
7 witness is hereby not waived.

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9 PETER G. SHIELDS, M.D.,

10 first duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole  
11 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as  
12 follows:

13 EXAMINATION BY MR. FRIELING:

14 Q. Good morning.

15 A. Good morning.

16 Q. My name is Scott Frieling. We met off  
17 the record. We have not met before; is that  
18 true?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. Have you been deposed before, Doctor?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How many times, roughly?

23 A. Somewhere between 10 and 20.

24 Q. Just so you know, if you need a break  
25 at any time, just let me know. If you don't

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1 remember. I think it's the refractory anemia  
2 with ringed sideroblasts, it either does or  
3 doesn't. That's the category standing out in  
4 my mind.

5 Q. Have you reached a conclusion, Doctor,  
6 whether benzene can cause all forms of MDS in  
7 humans?

8 A. I'm aware -- I do believe that  
9 sufficient exposure to benzene can cause at  
10 least some types of MDS, maybe all types of  
11 MDS. I think it just has not been studied well  
12 enough to know whether or not there are some  
13 types that it doesn't. But there is certainly  
14 some thought that it is the case.

15 Q. Does benzene cause any forms of  
16 leukemia in humans?

17 A. Yes, benzene can cause AML, acute  
18 myeloid leukemia as well as chronic myeloid  
19 leukemia in humans.

20 Q. AML and CML?

21 A. That's right.

22 Q. Do you know what the position is of  
23 IARC on whether benzene can cause MDS in  
24 humans?

25 A. IARC usually doesn't take positions of